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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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RONALD C. MULLIN ET AL.)
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SERIAL NO.: 09/434,247)
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action mailed 7 August 2003, thereby extending the time to respond to 7 October 2003. A responsive Amendment accompanies this Petition.

A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed herewith to cover the applicable fee for a one-month extension of time as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a). Please charge any deficit or credit any excess to our Deposit Account No. 02-0460.

Respectfully submitted,

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